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Julie H. Blackard

1. I, Bill Moody, am an original inventor of the invention described and claimed in the above-referenced patent application.
2. The invention claimed in the above-referenced patent application was conceived at least as early as May 23, 2001.
3. I drafted and sent the email attached as Exhibit A on May 23, 2001.
4. To the email of May 23, 2001 I attached an invention disclosure form drawn up by myself on or prior to May 23, 2001. The specification attached to the email of May 23, 2001 (Exhibit A) is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
5. The invention disclosure form attached hereto as Exhibit B demonstrates a conception of the invention described and claimed in the above-referenced patent application at least as early as the date of the email: May 23, 2001.
6. Declarant acknowledges that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I, Bill Moody, aver that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Bill Moody  
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9/23, 2005

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**From:** Bill Moody  
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**To:** Scott Bruns  
**Cc:** Brian Bianchi  
**Subject:** Patent Disclosure Form

**Attachments:** VeriMod\_23May2001.doc

Here's the updated form. I made the changes we discussed and re-worded section 4 as well.

Here are some possible names:

Crossroads Electronic Branding Technology (EBT)

eBranding

eBrand

VeriMod

ModSafe

ModMatch

I have to go to a 2:00-3:00 meeting. We could go see Pati after that.

Thanks for the help,

Bill



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>> Title in Properties <<  
Invention Disclosure

Part One  
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## INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM

### PART ONE

**1. Title:** Crossroads Electronic Branding Technology, EBT. A technology used to prevent unwanted use of plug-in expansion modules in Crossroads computing devices.

**2. Application:** This invention relates to all future products based on the Aegis hardware platform and any other future products that support plug-in expansion modules.

**3. Field of the Invention:**

This invention relates generally to the field of platform resource management.

**4. Background:**

Crossroads manufactures computing devices that support plug-in expansion modules and markets those devices and those plug-in expansion modules through a set of OEMs under different brand names. Each of our OEMs desires to have only their branded plug-in expansion modules work within their branded computing devices.

**5. Previous Solutions:**

None.

**6. Summary of the Invention:**

This invention relies on an electronic brand name being embedded on each computing device and each plug-in expansion module. The computing device reads the electronic brand name on the plug-in expansion module and compare that name to the name embedded within the computing device. If the electronic brand name matches then the computing device makes use of the plug-in expansion module. If the electronic brand name does not match then the computing device refuses to make use of the plug-in expansion module.

**7. Advantages:**

The Invention creates value for Crossroads' OEMs by creating a captive market for plug-in expansion modules to customers who buy the basic computing device. It prevents customers from purchasing plug-in expansion modules from any other OEMs based on factors such as price.

**8. Disclosure Outside of Crossroads:**

No disclosure outside of Crossroads has yet been made, but a discussion of the method described by this Invention will take place within the next two weeks.

**9. Inventorship:**

Bill Moody

Name(s) and signature(s) of Person(s) Preparing this Form:

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Date